

Dear Friend,

Have you noticed in your neighborhood people actively pursuing "contributions" for their magazines, The Watchtower and Awake!? They will be calling on you and your neighbors. What will be your reaction? Will you ignore them or listen to their message and purchase their literature?

The information presented here is of vital interest to you and your family and friends. Why? Because the Jehovah's Witnesses are out to get you! "What?" you might say, "I don't see any problem with these peaceful folks coming to me with their religious magazines. What's so dangerous about that?" Read on, and you'll see the DANGER AT YOUR DOOR.

## Just the facts please.

One key point should be made first. We are presenting the very viewpoint of JWs themselves. It is fully documented from their own literature. The following questions and answers will aid you to understand why they come to you and who they are:

Q. Since I have my own religion, why do JWs want to talk to me?

A. JWs use their <u>Watchtower</u> magazine for "exposing" the teachings of all churches, particularly those who hold sacred the doctrine of the Trinity. JWs believe there is little difference between Catholicism and Protestantism; both groups are the "Devil's religion" and what we call "Christianity" will be the first to be destroyed at the End, Armageddon. If you have a religion the JWs want you to leave it. 3

Q. If I became a JW how would it affect my life?

A. That is a BIG question. to live as a JW is to live a "negative" religion. It is a world of "don'ts." Here are just a few of the restrictions placed on you. You are forbidden to vote, go into the military, or, if a male, have a beard. Along with you, your children are deprived of a normal life. As a JW parent you will forbid your kids from:

Association with non-JW kids;<sup>5</sup> receiving blood transfusions;<sup>6</sup> celebrating their birthdays and holidays;<sup>7</sup> extracurricular recreational activities;<sup>8</sup> being a cheerleader;<sup>9</sup> joining a hobby club;<sup>10</sup> playing sports with non-JW kids;<sup>11</sup> playing chess (considered a war game);<sup>12</sup> joining little league (baseball);<sup>13</sup> self-defense courses;<sup>14</sup> participating in school elections;<sup>15</sup> saluting our flag;<sup>16</sup> dating;<sup>17</sup> etc., etc.,

You will not be told about most of these restrictions on your family until you have accepted the authority of the JW leadership.

Q. How will they get me to join JWs?

A. They will offer you a free home Bible study (As you have seen, it will "cost" you a lot!). You need them, they claim, because the Bible is not written for you to understand without the JW leader's interpretation. Not only that, but according to JWs, you should not think for yourself. They say, "Avoid Independent Thinking." 19

Q. What is the most distinctive feature of the JW religion?

A. They claim to know the Immediate future of the world. As the world's greatest fortune teller, the JW leaders will be happy to teach you revelations of "new light" transmitted from their heavenly "Mother." Witnesses are told God is their Father AND the heavenly Organization is their Mother. They believe "Mother" transmits her messages through "spirits" (invisible angels) to what is called the "channel" or "medium", the earthly JW leaders and their Watchtower magazine. Perhaps you are aware that those in many occult religions believe that "spirits" (voices from the other side) are revealing information through their "channels" or "mediums". JW leaders command JWs to accept all messages received through the Watchtower channel because they believe that new truth does not come through Bible study or human opinion, but only by God's interpretation given at the DUE time.<sup>22</sup>

## **Testing the Watchtower fortune teller**

Q. How can we know if the JW leaders really receives messages from God?

A. That's simple. If the messages are from the **true** God, they would be **true**, right? Let's check the new "prophecies" they claim God "transmitted" to them. By doing so, we will see if their claim of being God's "channel" is true. Here are a few Watchtower prophecies:

- In 1916 they declared: "In the meantime, our eyes of understanding should discern clearly the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty now in progress..."23
- In 1940 the leader of JWs proclaimed, "I stated that the Nazis and Fascists were bent upon destroying the British Empire, and that that would be accomplished."<sup>24</sup>
- In the 1960's JWs believed the End was very soon. <u>Watchtower</u> readers read an article entitled "Why Are You Looking Forward to 1975?" Were these "messages" from the Watchtower "channel" really transmitted by God? You be the judge.

## **Cruel and Unusual Punishment**

Life as a JW is restricted to the ever-changing rules and regulations of the Watchtower leaders. Is it not **cruel** for them to continually teach JW youth that Armageddon is so near that they should not pursue either a college education or a professional career which requires much training? Is it not **cruel** to advocate in 1974, that due to Armageddon's nearness (by 1975) JW home owners should sell their homes in order to sell the Watchtower full time?

What if you can't handle all these restrictions on your life? What if you decide to leave JWs? You can, but don't expect your spouse or children to leave with you. JWs are being terrorized into staying. They are warned that if they leave the Organization their family and JW friends will treat them as **evil** people. They will be hated even by their own JW relatives. The Society says, "We must hate in the truest sense, which is to regard with extreme and active aversion, to consider as loathsome, odious, filthy, to detest." Would you dare leave JWs?

As you can see, dear reader, life as a JW is life in a prison-type environment; it is truly CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT. Do you think you want to join up?

<sup>1</sup>KM, 7/79, p. 1. <sup>2</sup>WT, 11/15/35, p. 343; Riches, 1936, p. 285. <sup>3</sup>Awake!, 11/8/73, p. 27. <sup>4</sup>United in Worship, 1983, p. 166; WT, 10/1/67, p. 590; WT, 8/15/75, p. 501. <sup>5</sup>WT, 2/15/60, pp. 112-113. <sup>6</sup>WT, 12/1/67, p.724. <sup>7</sup>School and JWs, 1983, pp. 17-21. <sup>6</sup>Ibid., pp. 23. <sup>9</sup>Ibid., pp. 23-24. <sup>10</sup>Ibid., pp. 24-25. <sup>11</sup>Ibid. <sup>12</sup>Awake!, 3/22/73, pp. 12-14. <sup>13</sup>Your Youth, 1976, p. 118. <sup>14</sup> "Pay Attention", 1981, p. 150. <sup>15</sup>School and JWs, 1983, p. 16. <sup>16</sup>Ibid., pp. 13-15. <sup>17</sup>Awake!, 6/22/82, p.15. <sup>18</sup>WT, 10/1/67, p. 587. <sup>19</sup>WT, 1/15/83, pp. 22, 27. <sup>20</sup>WT, 5/1/57, pp. 274, 284. <sup>21</sup>Ibid.; Riches, 1936, p. 316; Preparation, 1933, pp. 36-37; WT, 7/15/60, p. 439 and 4/1/38, p. 112. <sup>22</sup>WT, 7/1/58, p. 406. <sup>23</sup>WT, 9/1/16, p. 265. <sup>24</sup>Judge Rutherford Uncovers Fifth Column, 1940, p. 5. <sup>25</sup>WT, 8/15/68, p. 494. <sup>26</sup>WT, 9/1/75, p. 543 and 5/15/83, p. 14. <sup>27</sup>KM, 5/74, p. 3. <sup>28</sup>WT, 10/1/52, p. 599.

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